

27



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/846,979	05/01/2001	W. Brian Darling	31428	3905

7590 02/02/2005

THOMAS B. LUEBBERING
HOVEY, WILLIAMS, LLP
2405 Grand, Suite 400
Kansas City, MO 64108

EXAMINER

NASH, BRIAN D

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
----------	--------------

3721

DATE MAILED: 02/02/2005

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

90

Response to Rule 312 Communication	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/846,979	DARLING ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Brian Nash	3721	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

1. ☒ The amendment filed on 20 August 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The examiner has entered the amendment after allowance since the amendment serves to further clarify the specifications and claims of the invention. Applicant's amendment after allowance does not change the scope of the claims or the specifications.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Nash whose telephone number is 571-272-4465. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I. Rada can be reached at 571-272-4467.

The official fax number for this Group is: 703-872-9306

Brian Nash
31 January 2005


Rinaldi I. Rada
Supervisory Patent Examiner
Group 3700